KENYA
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE, PEACE AND SECURITY

USAID supports an inclusive, peaceful, and well-governed society that promotes dignity and civic engagement. Kenya has reached many democratic milestones, including:

- The adoption of an inclusive and progressive Constitution in 2010.
- A decentralized governance structure of 47 county governments with increased county capacity in public expenditure management and enhanced public participation.
- The formulation of county-level action plans to counter violent extremism with participation of community members, religious leaders, and the government.

To build on these achievements, USAID partners with the Kenyan people, civil society, the private sector, ministries, Parliament, and other Government of Kenya institutions to strengthen governance structures and institutions, prevent conflict and violence, and promote peace.

INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

USAID seeks to build partnerships with Kenyans, to promote transformational change in key governance systems and processes. Our vision for this change will be achieved through the Kenya Inclusive Governance Performance and Participation (Kenya-IGAPP) program. Kenya-IGAPP promotes the USAID 'Kenya-owned, Kenya-led, Kenya-managed' strategy by working through local implementing partners, with a focus on county-level organizations and communities through engaging and collaborating with county governments and civil societies, beneficiaries, and stakeholders. USAID's programmatic and technical support is aligned to the Kenya-IGAPP's eight result areas:

- Anti-corruption
- Elections
- Devolution
- Civil Society and Media

- Women's and Girls' Rights
- Peacebuilding
- Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism,

- Learning and adaptive management

FREE, FAIR AND PEACEFUL ELECTIONS

In the lead-up to Kenya's 2022 elections, USAID co-created an election program with local organizations and issued awards to three local implementing partners to implement activities geared towards promoting free, fair, peaceful inclusive and credible elections. This is the first time that we have worked directly with Kenyan implementers on elections-related programming. These partners work in three key areas: strengthening accountability, transparency, and inclusivity in electoral and democratic processes; promoting social cohesion and mitigation of electoral conflicts; and supporting civic and voter education.

EMPOWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Empowering an inclusive civil society is a long-term and challenging process but is key to enabling Kenyans to achieve their aspirations. Our programming is grounded in a locally driven co-creation process led by Kenyans.

Kenyan civil society plays an important role in government oversight and advancing an inclusive development agenda. At the county level, CSOs rooted in the communities they serve are forming local development organizations (LDOs) to strengthen citizen voice and to advance the principles of self-reliance and locally sustained and accountable development. We work with these CSOs and LDOs to help strengthen capacity to engage and catalyze citizens, government, and the private sector for county-led development. The goal is to further participation in governance reforms, promote social and ethnic cohesion, protect civic and democratic space, promote accountable public service delivery, and monitor the implementation of strong governance practices.

BUDGET (FY 2022): USD $5.2 million

KEY GOVERNMENT OF KENYA PARTNERS
- Council of Governors
- County Assemblies Forum
- Devolution Sector Working Group
- Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission
- Judiciary of Kenya
- Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
- Ministry of Devolution and Planning
- National Counter Terrorism Center
- Ministry of the Interior
- National Treasury
- Office of the Registrar of Political Parties
- Parliament (National Assembly and Senate)
- Political Parties Dispute Tribunal
- Political Parties Liaison Committee

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PROMOTING PEACE AND SECURITY FOR ALL KENYANS

Attacks by violent extremist groups within Kenya's borders have increased in recent years. Kenyan citizens, particularly marginalized youth, are recruitment targets for violent extremist groups. We partner with Kenyan government and civil society to advance aspects of Kenya's National Countering Violent Extremism Strategy, supporting the government and communities to work together to detect and address radicalization and violent extremism. To mitigate conflict, we foster and support inclusive dialogue among communities and catalyze vertical and horizontal peacebuilding, social cohesion, and stability in Kenya.